

## House Republican Press Release

August 15, 2006  
Press Office: 860-240-8700

### **State Representative DelGobbo Reminds Shoppers To Take Advantage Of Sales Tax-Free Week**



State Representative Kevin M. DelGobbo, R-Naugatuck, today reminded consumers that Connecticut's "sales tax-free holiday" will take place shortly. From Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, all clothing and footwear under \$300 will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax.

Rep. DelGobbo voted in favor of legislation that establishes this year's one-week sales exemption from the state sales tax, which was first enacted in August 2000. Proposals have been introduced in the legislature to add a second week later in the year, but have not received approval.

Examples of clothing exempted during the sales tax-free holiday are jeans, dresses, blouses, shirts, shoes, sneakers, scarves, gloves, and belts. Non-apparel items, such as jewelry, wallets, and luggage are not included in the exemption.

"I think sales tax-free week is a great opportunity to make it at least a little bit easier for parents to make their back-to-school purchases," said Rep. DelGobbo. "However, everyone can take advantage of the savings it provides."

Rep. DelGobbo and the House Republican Caucus first introduced the concept in August 1999 – modeled after a successful New York program – as a way of providing additional relief to Connecticut families while boosting the state's economic competitiveness among neighboring states. Consumers seeking more information on the state's "sales tax-free week" can visit the Department of Revenue Services' website at: [www.ct.gov/drs](http://www.ct.gov/drs)